

French Railways Amuse Yankee Soldiers; For Speed, Service And Women 'Brakies,' They Beat The World; No Bell On Engines

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SOMEWHERE in France, Nov. 30—French trains look funny to American soldiers. Using these as models the toy makers made their strings of play cars for them when they were youngsters. And the Americans are prone to look upon them still as toys until they get aboard and travel across the country with the speed of an American express train, or, arriving at the front, note with what thoroughness and dispatch these "toy" trains, running right to the edge of the main land, keep them supplied with their bacon and "canned Willie." Takes the French passenger coach, for instance. Mounted on its four wheels, which are not solid like American car wheels, but have spokes in them, it does not look very comfortable, but when you come to count the number of persons it hauls and the service it gives your appreciation is likely to increase materially.

The ordinary French coach is divided into six compartments, each compartment seating ten persons. That's 60 persons to a car. The average American car seats 60 persons. But it takes two French coaches to occupy the space of an American car. In that way the carrying capacity is doubled.

The fact that the cars are much lighter and that there are few heavy grades on the French lines permits much longer trains.

It is true that the French local trains do not have the accommodations of the American lines. When you get into an apartment you have to stay

there until, at least, the next station. But most of the journeys are short. Few persons travel far.

The French freight cars are built on the same general principles. The average load is ten tons. Being light, they are easily shifted around in the yards.

Virtually all the switching is done by hitching a horse to the car and "spotting" it where it is wanted.

All yards have a small turntable where the cars may be turned and shunted to other tracks. All the larger yards are equipped with an electric carrier. The car is pushed on the carriage and then carried by means of an underground trolley right across the yard and deposited on any track.

Both freight and passenger cars are constructed with the idea of serving the maximum of people with the minimum of cost. The ten ton shipper can compete with the rival who ships thousands of tons. Passenger rates are in the same ratio. A soldier, for instance, can travel 60 kilometers (37 1/2 miles) for 1.50 franc (32 cents).

French roadbeds are kept in good condition, even in war time, and the through trains make good time. The French, not being in such a hurry as the Americans, do not believe in a grade if a cut or a fill can overcome it. They will bore a tunnel through a hill rather than make a curve around it. The sides of the cuts are frequently paved with stones to prevent slides.

The straight tracks, together with the fact that there are no grade crossings in France, permit speed.

French engineers never blow their whistles except in the stations, and

The Way Of The Wayward Woman With Her Victim

Man In An El Paso Valley Town Tells Of A Typical Case.

A business man not often interviewed and who did not care to have his name mentioned said yesterday: "I was on a late outboard train the other night and had a my seat mate, a resident of one of the smaller towns where troops have been quartered doing border duty for several years. The troops are changed frequently and so thousands of young men are exposed to the influences for good or for evil of that community."

Across the aisle in the car sat two young women of the lower world, painted to extremes, decked out in gaudy trappings and glancing from side to side to attract as much attention as possible. "You see the girl on the other side," said my seat mate. She came in out of the night a year ago. Her dress and demeanor advertised her vocation, and many of the soldiers and young men about town soon knew her and called her by given names. One of our local boys was called to the colors and left for a concentration camp. After he had come two or three months, this girl complained to the civil authorities, naming the young man.

At the time she took it up with the military, and the young man was brought back from the concentration camp and accused of seduction. The young man's father investigated and learned the facts of her behavior, and the young woman agreed to testify for her friend. At the hearing, through fear of publicity, neither of the three appeared. The girl, assumed and dressed in innocence and simplicity, and the frame-up on the boy was complete.

The young soldier, seeing no way out of the unfavorable advertisement he already had, said, "O, well, I'm going away to war, and may never come back any more, so I guess the best thing to do is to marry," which he did. A baby was born, and the girl soon drifted back to the street. She gets the soldier's allotment of \$39 per month.

There are five or six more of her kind in the same place, and they move about in the same way, and up and down the road without apparent interference. Scattered through the town, they kind who are a menace to the health and moral status of young men and soldier boys.

Said the business man, "If our contributions to the War Work campaign can clear the moral atmosphere in just one little western town like this, we ought to feel amply repaid."

Soldiers Now Reading Books On The Trades

War Service Libraries Popular With Men About To Resume Civil Life.

The soldiers of Fort Bliss and along the border have more or less time for recreation and now with peace they will naturally have more, they are naturally turning back in their minds to what they will do for the livelihood when in civil life again. To help themselves as well as for recreation and general information they are reading the vocational books of the war service library. They are calling more and more for books on occupations like farming, mechanics, etc.

The foregoing statement was made after an interview with Miss Geneva Brock, assistant librarian of the war service library with headquarters in the basement of the Carnegie library. "There is a growing demand for books on the occupations," said Miss Brock. "Only the other day we had a call from Fort Bayard, N. M., for 40 different books on poultry. That government hospital is for soldiers with lung troubles and I suppose some of them are planning to raise poultry after they are turning to something within their strength, like poultry raising."

The motor transport men have been getting books on automobiles, mechanics, and among the engineers works on architecture and various kinds of building and construction.

"One soldier in the fifth cavalry got a book on interior decorating. His occupation and what he wants to do is naturally suggested."

Miss Brock is a cartoonist and got a book on cartooning.

"We keep a requisition list," said Miss Brock, "and we make special requisitions almost daily for books asked for. The American Library association is buying nonfiction history, travel, trades and occupation. Most of the vast contributions have been fiction."

Get Soldiers Enthusiased.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian of Oregon, who was in charge of this library for some time, gave a great impetus to the use of our library by the soldiers. In her deeply earnest, magnetic way, she enticed the men to read useful, especially books on occupations in which they were interested. If she was addressing soldiers she would put such a question as this: "Would any one here like to be a dairyman?" Perhaps one lone hand would go up. She would then say: "Good. Such and such men are the authors of such and such books. They are in the war service library. Get those books. Such and such are the wisest men on dairying in the United States and let them talk to you in travel, trades and occupation. You are interested in it. And as Miss Marvin would go from subject to subject, trades and occupation, books, but history, war, travel, the peoples at war and the like.

AM Studying Now.

"Naturally when the men were expecting or hoping to go overseas they were mostly interested in books on military subjects, the countries at war and kindred subjects, but always some thoughtful men were looking forward to after the war. They even then found some time for books on vocations they had followed or wanted to follow. Now they are nearer back home and study of books on occupations, each to his particular bent, is on the increase."

This library with headquarters here has approximately 50,000 volumes and we are furnishing books to every soldier camp, big and little from as far east as Santa Fe, and as far west as Nogales, Ariz. We have lent out from here about 400. In all we have 54 branches, 43 of which were organized in October. There are 14 in Fort Bliss and the Y. M. C. A. building and the Red Cross hostess house when completed will have branches.

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REPORT 1194 "FLU" DEATHS.

A letter received here Friday gave the total deaths in Peralta, Chihuahua, Mex., during the influenza epidemic between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15 at 1194. This confirmed reports of the scourge which came from that mining center.

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THE SUNDAY BILL

We previously announced Louise Huff in "The Sea Wolf," but have been advised that this picture will come later. In its place we show "Hitting the Trail." The stars are Carlyle Blackwell and Evelyn Greasley, and it is a worthy substitute for "The Sea Wolf."

THE MONDAY BILL

Alhambra patrons will welcome the news that Alice Brady will be the star in the Monday bill. The picture is "The Better Half" and is adapted from Miriam Michelson's novel, "Michael Tivoli's Wife." In this picture Miss Brady portrays a dual role and critics say this is one of the best things she has yet done.

A special musical program has been arranged for Sunday by Professor Coy.

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